

## Leola Barlow

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## *She's Free*

**By Judy Gagnon**

*I knew you had to go away  
It was your time you see  
But I didn't take the time to face  
That you were leaving me.  
You weren't afraid of dying  
For you knew what lay in store  
In the blinking of an eye  
Or the closing of a door.  
You shared with us a journey  
That only you could see  
And helped us understand God's way  
As it was meant to be.  
Life had so restricted you  
Your spirit is now free  
To go explore the Heavens  
For all eternity.*

## *Active Pallbearers*

David Moore	Bobby Holloway
Teddy Holloway	Wedgley Holloway
Quinton Holloway	J.D. Holloway

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Deacons of Rehovia Missionary Baptist Church

## *Acknowledgements*

The family acknowledges with grateful appreciation all expressions of sympathy and every act of kindness show during our bereavement.

**Arrangements entrusted to:**  
**Whitaker Funeral Home**  
25 North Kennedy Street • Metter, Georgia 30439  
(912) 685-5158  
Funeral Information Line  
(912) 685-4254

## *Celebration of Life* *for* *Mrs. Leola Barlow*

**Sunrise**  
June 29, 1924

**Sunset**  
September 4, 2006



*Saturday, September 9, 2006*  
**1:00 p.m.**

**W.H. Whitaker Memorial Chapel**  
**Metter, Georgia**  
**Elder James Johnson, Presiding**  
**Reverend W.E. Johnson, Eulogist**

**Interment - Old Mt. Pisgah Church Cemetery**  
**Bulloch County, Georgia**

## Obituary

*"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints. O Lord, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the daughter of your maid-servant. You have freed me from my chains."*

*Psalm 116:15-16*

From labor to reward, Leola Barlow was called home to be with the Lord on September 4, 2006. Leola was born to Riley and Carrie Holloway on June 29, 1924, in Pulaski, Georgia.

Leola resided in Metter, Georgia (Candler County), all of her life. At an early age, she joined Rehovia Baptist Church in Bulloch County, Georgia. Her life's occupation was in culinary arts and homemaking.

Leola was a loving and devoted mother. She spent her life loving the Lord and her family. Her love of serving others has been a legacy passed on to her children. Her sweet, sweet spirit was a catalyst to the development of lasting friendships with the young and the old. She loved her siblings and was a very caring and loving aunt. She will be missed. One son, Levy Barlow, III, preceded her in death.

She is survived by seven daughters, Loretta Lewis (Joe) of Dayton, OH, Gloria J. Barlow of Newark, NJ, Evelyn Barlow (Gene Johnson) of Metter, GA, Remona Parrish (John) of Woodstock, MD, Diane Reese (James) of Springfield, VA, Judy Barlow of Statesboro, GA, and Linda Barlow-Gray (Dale) of Lorton, VA; five sons, Sidney Barlow of Metter, GA, Curtis Barlow (Fronnie) of Fairfax Station, VA, Donnie Barlow of Metter, GA, Edward Barlow of Harrisonburg, VA, and Michael Barlow (Stefferdy) of Statesboro, GA; Jimmy McCollum and B.C. McCollum, to whom she was a surrogate mother; two brothers, Percy Holloway of Metter, GA, and Harvey Holloway (Neta) of Pulaski, GA; a daughter-in-law, Gail Barlow of Statesboro, GA; a sister-in-law, Mae Helen Holloway of Uvalda, GA; sixteen grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, several nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

## Order of Service

Presiding.....Elder James Johnson

Processional

Viewing

Prayer .....Elder James Johnson

Selection .....Rehovia Church Choir

Scripture

Old Testament .....Reverend Lee Hunter

New Testament .....Pastor Alexander Smith Jr.

Duet.....James and Brandi Reese

Acknowledgements .....Whitaker Funeral Home Staff

Eulogy .....Reverend W.E. Johnson

Recessional

